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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners by way of receipt of a request for reinstatement of licensure. In a Consent Order of Surrender filed on May 13, 2004, Respondent's New Jersey medical license was voluntarily surrendered for a minimum period of three (3) months from the date of entry into treatment for substance abuse. The surrender was based on Respondent's having been arrested and charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Possession of Marijuana and Obtaining Controlled Dangerous Substances by Fraud. By the terms of the Consent Order, Respondent was required to appear before a committee of the Board to discuss his plans for future practice in New Jersey, provide evidence he is no longer suffering from any impairment or limitation resulting from the use of cocaine, alcohol or any drug which could affect his practice, provide evidence he is not a habitual user of cocaine, alcohol, drugs or intoxicants, submit

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reports from mental health practitioners who participate in his care and treatment for the disability during the period from entry into treatment until the date of appearance and submit discharge summaries from inpatient treatment programs.

Respondent appeared and testified before a committee of the board on September 22, 2004. Respondent demonstrated that he has fully complied with the Board's prior order, including having successfully completed inpatient treatment at Clearbrook Lodge on April 30, 2004 and having satisfied all of the requirements of the Physicians' Health Program ("PHP") related to his treatment and aftercare. Respondent also testified that on June 8, 2004, he was admitted into the Morris County Pretrial Intervention Program. Subsequent to Respondent's appearance, he provided documentation to the Board that on October 7, 2004 the Roxbury Municipal Court dismissed the charge against him of driving under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance and instead, he entered a guilty plea to reckless driving on April 3, 2004.

Respondent having demonstrated that he is now capable of discharging the functions of a licensee in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare, the Board is satisfied that the public is adequately protected, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER 2004

ORDERED THAT:

1. A license to **practice medicine** and surgery shall be **issued** to Arthur F. Santiago, M.D. **based** on the following conditions:

a. Arthur F. Santiago, M.D. shall maintain absolute abstinence from all psychoactive substances, including alcohol, **unless** prescribed by a treating physician aware of *his* substance abuse history for a documented medical condition and in the usual course of the treating **physician's** medical practice with notification to the **Medical** Director of the Physicians' Health Program.

b. **Arthur** F. Santiago, M.D. shall **continue** his involvement in the individual and group aftercare program sponsored by Dr. Arnold Washton until such **time** as Dr. Washton, in collaboration with the Physicians' Health Program, deems such treatment is no longer required.

c. Arthur F. **Santiago**, M.D. shall continue with monthly face-to-face visits with a **clinical** representative of the **Physicians'** Health Program until such time as Dr. Santiago has attained **one full year of recovery**. Subsequent follow-up with the **Physicians'** Health Program will be on a <sup>monthly 12/16/04</sup> bi-weekly basis for the next full year and until the Physicians' Health Program deems the frequency of such visits is to be reduced further.

d. Arthur F. Santiago, M.D. shall continue to submit to random, twice weekly urine monitoring until such time as Dr. Santiago has attained one **full year of** documented recovery and thereafter, the frequency of his urine monitoring will be reduced to random, weekly.

e. Arthur F. Santiago, M.D. shall continue documented attendance at the support group of Alcoholics Anonymous at a minimum of three meetings each week.

f. Arthur F. Santiago, M.D. shall be responsible to ensure that the Physicians' Health Program supplies quarterly reports to the Board regarding his compliance and progress. An immediate (within 24 hours of awareness) report both orally and in writing, shall be made by the PHP to the Board of any information that Arthur F. Santiago, M.D. engaged in any violation of any Laws regarding controlled dangerous substances or alcohol or any positive urine screen or failure to appear for urine monitoring. Further, Arthur F. Santiago, M.D. expressly waives any claim to privilege or confidentiality that he may have concerning the above outlined reports and disclosures by the PHP to the Board.

g. Arthur F. Santiago, M.D. consents to the Physicians' Health Program reporting to the Board any indication of a slip, relapse, non-compliance with the recovery program or any use of psychoactive substances or alcohol unless prescribed by a treating physician. There is to be immediate notification, by name, to the

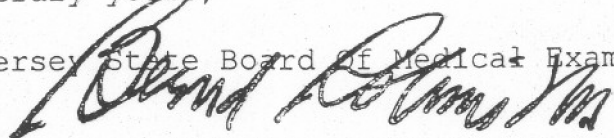
signatures on this Order to immediately (within 24 hours) report to the Board any evidence of a relapse by Dr. Arthur F. Santiago.

k. All costs of complying with the requirements of the monitoring program shall be the responsibility of Arthur F. Santiago M.D.

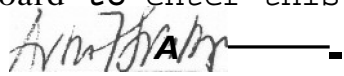
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By:

  
Bernard Robins M.D., F.A.C.P.  
President

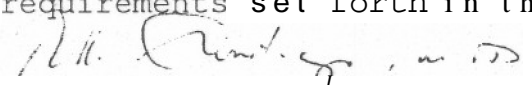
I have read and understand the contents of this Order and **agree** to be **bound by** its terms. Consent is **hereby** given to the Board to enter this Order.


  
Arthur F. Santiago, M.D.

I agree to the monitoring and reporting requirements set forth in this Order as to the **Physicians'** Health Program;

  
Louis E. Baxter, M.D., F.A.S.A.M.  
Executive Director  
Physicians Health Program

I agree to the monitoring and reporting requirements set forth in this Order

  
R.N. Santiago, M.D.

  
C. Valerie Santiago, R.N.

Board's **Executive Director** and **Medical Director**, upon the Board's receipt of any information which the Board in its sole discretion deems reliable, that Arthur F. Santiago, M.D. has materially failed to comply with any of the conditions set forth above, or any report of a confirmed positive urine, or a prime facie showing of any abuse, possession or distribution, Arthur E. Santiago, M.D. consents to the entry of an **Order** resulting in the immediate automatic **temporary suspension of license**. Said suspension is to be memorialized in a public State Board of Medical **Examiners'** Order.

h. Arthur F. **Santiago**, M.D. shall have the right to **apply** for removal of the **automatic** suspension on two (2) days' notice but in such event shall be limited to a showing that the urine tested was not his or was a **false positive**.

i. Arthur F. Santiago, M.D. consents to this document becoming **public** and evidential in any proceeding involving its **violation** or any indication of his **slip** or relapse.

j. Arthur F. **Santiago**, M.D. has **represented** that he plans to work in the Rahway, New Jersey private practice of his father, R.N. Santiago, M.D. R.N. Santiago, M.D. and C. **Valerie Santiago**, R.N. have **been approved** as monitors in the workplace who will have **frequent** in-person contact: with Dr. **Arthur E. Santiago**. R.N. Santiago, M.D. and C. **Valerie Santiago**, R.N. shall agree by their


**signatures** on this Order to immediately (within 24 hours) report to the Board any evidence of a relapse by Dr. Arthur F. Santiago.

k. All costs of complying with the **requirements** of the monitoring program shall be the responsibility of Arthur F. Santiago M.D.

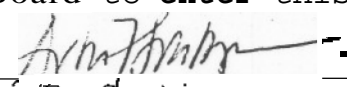
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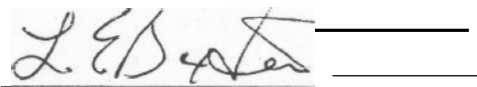
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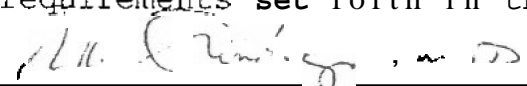
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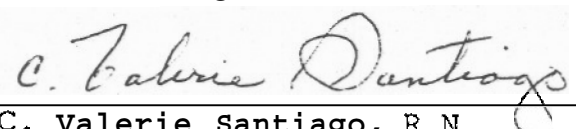
  
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